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For: **METHOD FOR TREATING
CHRONIC PAIN USING
MEK INHIBITORS**

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RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §§1.111 AND 1.143

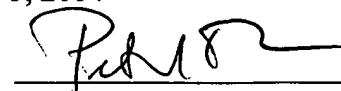
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 7, 2004, setting forth a requirement for restriction, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.111 and 1.143, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the subject matter of Group I, Claims 1-25, 52 and 53, drawn to a method of treating chronic pain by employing compounds with formula I, which is benzamide.

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